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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BELGIANS TO APPROACH LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS
ON COMMON DRUG PROBLEM

REF: STATE 199804, LUXEMBOURG 0707 (NOTAL), HARE/MCCORMICK
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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 199804 AND FOLLOWING
REF TELECON, EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR (ENC) AND DEA OFFICIALS
DURING LUNCH WITH PROCUREUR GENERAL FOR BRUSSELS APPEALS COURT,
VICTOR VAN HONSTE, SEPT 10 RAISED DRUG PROBLEM IN LUXEMBOURG
AND SIMILARITIES WITH SITUATION IN BELGIUM. OFFICERS STRESSED
DESIRABILITY OF COORDINATION BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ON THIS
EFFORT. VAN HONSTE REPLIED THAT LITTLE COOPERATION EXISTS
BETWEEN JUDICIAL OFFICIALS SUCH AS HIMSELF AND HIS LUXEMBOURG
COUNTERPARTS. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES COORDINATION DOES TAKE
PLACE AT MINISTRY LEVEL AS WELL AS THROUGH EC. ENC SUGGESTED
THAT NEW BELGIAN LEGISLATION OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR BELGIANS
TO CONSULT WITH LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS ON JOINT APPROACH TO
THIS PROBLEM. (NEW BELGIAN LEGISLATION WHICH NOT YET IN
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EFFECT IS SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE THAN CURRENT LUXEMBOURG

LEGISLATION.)

2. VAN HONSTE AGREED THIS WAS USEFUL AND TIMELY AREA FOR COORDINATION AND OFFERED TAKE IT UP WITH CHIEF OF CABINET OF MINJUSTICE (HOLSTERS). HE SAID HE WOULD ALSO INFORM HIM THAT DEA OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WOULD BE CALLING ON HOLSTERS DURING WEEK SEPT 22-26 TO PRESENT FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR DEA TRAINING SEMINAR TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. HE SUGGESTED THAT DURING THIS MEETING POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATION BETWEEN LUXEMBOURG AND BELGIUM ON DRUG MATTERS AGAIN BE RAISED WITH CHIEF OF CABINET TO GET HIS REACTION AND POSSIBLE COMMITMENT TO TAKE SOME ACTION. (AS IN PAST LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS ENGAGED IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT WILL BE INVITED PARTICIPATE IN DEA SEMINAR IF THEY WISH.)

3. COMMENT. VAN HONSTE, WHO HAD HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO US IN JUNE UNDER DEA AUSPICES, IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE AND FORMER TEACHER OF CHIEF OF CABINET AND COULD HAVE POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON HOLSTERS REGARDING MINJUSTICE COORDINATION WITH LUXEMBOURG OFFICIALS ON DRUG MATTERS. FACT DEA NOW OFFERING CONDUCT TWO TWO-WEEK SEMINARS IN NOV-DEC MAY ALSO SPUR BELGIAN MINJUSTICE COOPERATION ON LUXEMBOURG DRUG PROBLEM. WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING MEETING WITH HOLSTERS. RENNER

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